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LAUNCHING OF COURSES BY DCI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dental Council of India (DCI) proposes to launch post-graduate distance learning courses in Endodontics and Oral Implantology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any workshop has been held to evolve a framework for such courses;

(d) whether the modalities of the distance learning programme such as curriculum, faculty and training centres have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e) : Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Dental council of India (DCI) have signed an MOU for development of joint programmes for imparting training through distance learning to Dental Surgeons for upgradation of their skills in the field of Dentistry, beginning with Endodontics and Dental Implatology, leading to grant of Certificate. However, this Certificate would not be equivalent to the PG/ Diploma Courses in Dentistry.

DCI have organised a Joint Workshop for working out the parameters and modalities for the programme, including curriculum, syllabus, design and implementation strategy, etc.